

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on April 11, 2017 at 3:23 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 384, 3/30/2017; HB 633, 3/30/2017; SR 58, 3/30/2017

Executive Action: SR 58, Be Adopted
HB 384, Tabled
HB 633, Be Concurred In
SR 48, Tabled

00:00:45 Chair Ankney
00:00:58 Vice Chair Connell assumed the role of the chair.
00:01:13 Sen. Ankney left the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 384

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:32 Rep. Austin Knudsen (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 384, Revise oil and gas lease provisions.

EXHIBIT(ens76a01)

00:04:28 Sen. Malek entered the hearing.
00:04:44 Sen. Regier entered the hearing.
00:05:01 Sen. McNally entered the hearing.
00:41:30 Sen. Blasdel entered the hearing.
00:41:59 Sen. Wolken left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:10:49 Roger Kelley, Continental Resources
00:17:08 Matthew Dahan, Denbury Resources, Inc.

EXHIBIT(ens76a02)

00:20:04 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association
00:21:46 Mac McDermott, MCR, LLC
00:25:44 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:27:24 Patrick Montalban, Montalban Oil and Gas Operations (MOGO), National Striper Well Association (NSWA)

EXHIBIT(ens76a03)

00:35:04 Alan Olson, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
00:37:10 Sen. Kary left the hearing.
00:38:08 Sen. McNally left the hearing.
00:38:59 Sen. Blasdel left the hearing.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:22 Sen. Barrett
00:46:53 Rep. Knudsen
00:46:58 Sen. Barrett
00:48:00 Mr. Olson, MPA
00:49:59 Sen. Richmond
00:54:49 Rep. Knudsen
00:55:43 Chair Connell
00:56:25 Mr. Montlaban, MOGO, NSW
01:00:02 Chair Connell
01:03:40 Mr. Olson
01:05:20 Chair Connell
01:06:39 Rep. Knudsen
01:07:25 Chair Connell
01:07:30 Sen. Malek
01:09:58 Rep. Knudsen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:10:07 Rep. Knudsen
01:16:47 Chair Connell

HEARING ON HB 633

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:17:19 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 633, Provide for optional local interstate pipeline impact fee.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:47 Sen. Barrett
01:22:18 Rep. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:32 Rep. Essmann
01:23:11 Chair Connell
01:25:05 Recess
01:49:37 Reconvene

01:50:19 Chair Connell turned the duties of the chair over to Sen. Regier.

[EXHIBIT](#)(ens76a04)

HEARING ON SR 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:50:22 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing for Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, on SR 58, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation.

01:50:29 Sen. Malek entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:53:04 Mac McDermott, Governor's appointee

01:53:42 Alan Olson, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association

01:54:55 Patrick Montalban, Montalban Oil and Gas Operations; director, Domestic Energy Producers Alliance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:55:47 Sen. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

01:57:07 Sen. Connell

01:59:26 Chair Connell

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 58

02:00:04 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SR 58 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

02:00:25 Sen. Tempel

02:00:47 Chair Connell

02:01:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Kary, Sen. McNally, Sen. Small and Sen. Wolken voted by proxy.

02:02:24 Chair Connell

02:02:50 Recess

02:38:34 Reconvene

02:38:39 Sen. Ankney resumed the role of the chair. Sen. McNally, Sen. Regier, Sen. Small, and Sen. Tempel were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 384

02:39:16 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **HB 384 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:39:32 Chair Ankney

02:39:40 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Richmond made a substitute motion that **HB 384 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

02:40:49

02:41:02 Sen. Barrett

02:42:23 Sen. Malek

02:41:14 Sen. Connell

02:41:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. McNally, Sen. K. Regier, Sen. Small and Sen. Tempel voted by proxy.

02:41:22 Sen. McNally entered the meeting.

02:41:23 Sen. Barrett

02:41:26 Sen. Connell

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 633

02:41:35 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **HB 633 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:41:45 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:42:05 Sen. Barrett

02:42:15 Sen. Malek

02:42:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. K. Regier, Sen. Small and Sen. Tempel voted by proxy. Sen. Richmond will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 48

02:43:49 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **SR 48 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

02:44:39 Sen. Barrett

02:46:04 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

02:46:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. K. Regier, Sen. Small and Sen. Tempel voted by proxy.

02:47:14 Chair Ankney

02:47:27 Sen. Connell

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:10 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([ens76aad.pdf](#))